

before and after school and during the summer months for all children and youth.

SENATE RESOLUTION 134—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS AT CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING THE IDEAS AND GOALS OF THE 10TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, MAY 3 THROUGH MAY 9, 2009

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 134

Whereas charter schools deliver high-quality education and challenge all students to reach their potential;

Whereas charter schools provide thousands of families with diverse and innovative educational options for their children;

Whereas charter schools are public schools authorized by a designated public entity that respond to the needs of communities, families, and students in the United States and promote the principles of quality, choice, and innovation;

Whereas, in exchange for the flexibility and autonomy given to charter schools, they are held accountable by their sponsors for improving student achievement and for their financial and other operations;

Whereas 40 States and the District of Columbia have passed laws authorizing charter schools;

Whereas approximately 4,700 charter schools are now operating in 40 States and the District of Columbia, serving more than 1,400,000 students;

Whereas, during the last 14 years, Congress has provided more than \$2,478,288,000 in financial assistance to the charter school movement through facilities financing assistance and grants for planning, startup, implementation, and dissemination;

Whereas many charter schools improve the achievements of students and stimulate improvement in traditional public schools;

Whereas charter schools must meet the student achievement accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) in the same manner as traditional public schools and often set higher and additional individual goals to ensure that charter schools are of high quality and truly accountable to the public;

Whereas charter schools give parents new freedom to choose public schools, routinely measure parental satisfaction levels, and must prove their ongoing success to parents, policymakers, and their communities;

Whereas more than 50 percent of charter schools report having a waiting list, and the total number of students on all such waiting lists is enough to fill more than 1,100 average-sized charter schools;

Whereas the President has called for increased Federal support for replicating and expanding high-performing charter schools to meet the dramatic demand created by the more than 365,000 children on charter school waiting lists; and

Whereas the 10th annual National Charter Schools Week is May 3 through May 9, 2009: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, especially their impressive results in closing the persistent achievement gap in the United States, and improving and strengthening the public school system in the United States;

(2) supports the ideas and goals of the 10th annual National Charter Schools Week, a week-long celebration to be held May 3 through May 9, 2009, in communities throughout the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities during National Charter Schools Week to demonstrate support for charter schools.

SENATE RESOLUTION 135—DESIGNATING MAY 8, 2009, AS “MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY”

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 135

Whereas the month of May marks National Military Appreciation Month;

Whereas military spouses provide vital support to men and women in the Armed Forces and help to make their service to the Armed Forces possible;

Whereas military spouses have been separated from their loved ones because of deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism and other military missions carried out by the Armed Forces;

Whereas the establishment of Military Spouse Appreciation Day would be an appropriate way to honor the spouses of members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas May 8, 2009, would be an appropriate date to establish as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 8, 2009, as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions made by spouses of members of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Military Spouse Appreciation Day to promote awareness of the contributions of spouses of members of the Armed Forces and the importance of their role in the lives of members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1044. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

SA 1045. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. McCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1046. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1047. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1048. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1049. Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1050. Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1051. Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1052. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1053. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1054. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1055. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, supra.

SA 1056. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1044. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 59, line 25, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”.

On page 60, strike line 3 and insert the following:

lowing new subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D):

On page 60, line 4, insert “and submit the report required by subparagraph (D)” after “terminate such acquisition program”.

On page 61, strike like 24 and insert the following:

gram;

“(D) if the program is terminated, submit to Congress a written report setting forth—

“(i) an explanation of the reasons for terminating the program;

“(ii) the alternatives considered to address any problems in the program; and

“(iii) the course the Department plans to pursue to meet any continuing joint military requirements otherwise intended to be met by the program; and”.

SA 1045. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. McCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 69, after line 2, add the following:
SEC. 207. EARNED VALUE MANAGEMENT.

(a) ENHANCED TRACKING OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall review the existing guidance and, as necessary, prescribe additional guidance governing the implementation of the Earned Value Management (EVM) requirements and reporting for contracts to ensure that the Department of Defense—